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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants disclose the following information:

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,095,997, inventors French et al., issued August 1, 2000;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,836,924, inventors Kelliher et al., issued November 17, 1998;
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,720,734, inventors Copenhaver et al., issued February 24, 1998;
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,549,657, inventors Stern et al., issued August 27, 1996;
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,488,949, inventors Kreifels et al., issued February 6, 1996;
6. U.S. Patent No. 5,358,488, inventor Surlyapa, issued October 25, 1994;
7. U.S. Patent No. 5,290,250, inventor Bommarito, issued March 1, 1994;
8. U.S. Patent No. 5,267,983, inventors Oilschlager et al., issued December 7, 1983;
9. U.S. Patent No. 5,259,399, inventor Brown, issued November 9, 1993;
10. U.S. Patent No. 5,167,627, inventors Clegg et al., issued December 1, 1992;
11. U.S. Patent No. 5,158,569, inventors Strickland et al., issued October 27, 1992;
12. U.S. Patent No. 5,112,310, inventor Grobe, issued May 12, 1992;
13. U.S. Patent No. 5,100,394, inventors Dudar et al., issued March 31, 1992;
14. U.S. Patent No. 5,071,405, inventors Piontek et al., issued December 10, 1991;
15. U.S. Patent No. 5,026,352, inventor Anderson, issued June 25, 1991;
16. U.S. Patent No. 5,007,900, inventors Picha et al., issued April 16, 1991;

17. U.S. Patent No. 4,944,732, inventor Russo, issued July 31, 1990;
18. U.S. Patent No. 4,863,438, inventors Gauderer, issued September 5, 1989;
19. U.S. Patent No. 4,834,712, inventors Quinn et al., issued May 30, 1989;
20. U.S. Patent No. 4,774,944, inventor Mischinski, issued October 4, 1988;
21. U.S. Patent No. 4,557,261, inventor Rügheimer, issued December 10, 1985;
22. U.S. Patent No. 4,473,369, inventor Lueders et al., issued September 25, 1984;
23. U.S. Patent No. 4,424,833, inventors Spector et al., issued January 10, 1984;
24. U.S. Patent No. 4,417,890, inventors Dennehey et al., issued November 29, 1983;
25. U.S. Patent No. 4,390,017, inventors Harrison et al., issued June 28, 1983; and
26. U.S. Patent No. 3,926,187, inventor Iglesias, issued December 16, 1975.

Copies of the foregoing documents are provided with this paper. In addition, these documents are listed on the enclosed PTO Form FB-A820. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the enclosed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the enclosed form.

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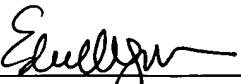
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